(e) when the work of expansion of the present Nursing Home or constructing another Nursing Home at the Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospial is proposed to be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) There are 78 beds in Nursing Home, including Maternity Nursing Home of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital.

(b) occupancy rate averages between 85-90 per cent.

(c) Such occasion do arise sometimes due to the shortage of beds in the Nursing Home as compared to the large number of entitled officers. However, the majority of those who register for admission are accommodated within one to four days.

(d) and (e) There is no proposal to expend the Nursing Home. However, steps have already been initiated to bring about improvement in the working condition of the hospital in the interest of general public.

Compulsory military traing for college students

2949. SHRI J.P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Ministry of Defence has advised the Ministry of Human Resource Development to introduce compulsory military training for all able bodied boys and girls in all the colleges so as to prepare a second line of defence in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details in regard thereto and what has been the response of the Ministry of Human Resource Development to the said proposal;

(c) in case no such proposal has so far been made by when such course is likely to be introduced; and

(d) if answer to part (c) above be in the negative, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The National Policy on Education-1986 visualises among others that students will be required to participate in one or the other of the existing schemes namely NSS, NCC etc. There is no proposal under Government's consideration to introduce Military training as a compulsory subject in all the colleges.

Tamluk-Digha Rail Project

2950. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work on the Tamluk-Digha Rail Project, which was given the go-ahead by the Prime Minister during his visit to the State in September this year, has not been started as yet;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Railways have not submitted any site plan to the district administration; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Replacement of the old bogies to Rajdhani Express between Howarh-New Delhi

2951 SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to replace the worn out bogies of Howrah-